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The following Japanese references are not in the English language:

- 1) 10-070040
- 2) 09-063890

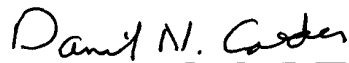
Reference 1) includes an English language abstract and Reference 2) has a counterpart application attached.

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Reference 2) and for the Reference "A Micromachined RF Microswitch Applicable to Phased-Array Antennas", 1999 IEEE MTT-S Digest, pp. 1923-1926, are set forth in the specification.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the above-referenced application.

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